

## **SAVE ON YOUR UTILITY BILLS EARN GREEN BY GOING GREEN**

Did you know that your home can be a greater source of pollution than your car? It takes energy to heat and cool your home, and to run your appliances; energy generated from the burning of fossil fuels at power plants. The less energy we use in our homes, the less damage we do the environment.

But if reducing smog and greenhouse gasses isn't enough incentive to dim the lights, then how about this – you'll save money. And guess what? It's easy.

- **Use compact fluorescent light bulbs** and save 75 percent of lighting costs.
- **Buy ENERGY STAR appliances and equipment** and save between \$25 and \$40 a month on utilities. You may also qualify for tax credits or rebates.
- **Use a microwave instead of the stove**
- **Unplug electronics, battery chargers and other equipment when not in use.** Together, these items can draw as much power as your refrigerator.
- **Take a short shower, install faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads and low-flush toilets.** This conserves water and electricity, which is used to transport and treat water.
- **Set water heaters at 110 degrees, or just above medium.** Water heating accounts for about 13 percent off home energy costs.
- **Turn off lights, computers and the TV when you leave the room.** Or use a desktop lamp instead of overhead lights, or a laptop, which uses considerably less energy than a desktop model.
- **Wash your dishes and clothes “fully loaded,”** which translates to fewer washer loads. When possible, wash clothes in cold water.

**TIP: It takes less energy to reheat or re-cool your home when you get back than to leave it running while you're gone!!**

### **Winter**

- Set thermostat to 68-72°
- Set to 55° when you're gone
- Open blinds to the sun
- Close blinds at night to retain heat
- Wear sweaters and warm clothes

### **Summer**

- Set air-conditioner to 78 to 82°
- Set to 85 to 90° when you're gone
- Use fans and close blinds, windows and doors
- Turn off air conditioner and open the windows at night
- Plant trees on the sunny side of your home

### **Resources**

Call 801-538-4798 for more information

To learn more about ENERGY STAR products, and whether you qualify for tax credits and rebates, visit:

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=rebate.rebate\\_locator](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=rebate.rebate_locator)